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City of Barrie

Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 13, 2022 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on January 25, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Kenwell 4:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:	6 -	Chairman C. Kenwell Councillor R. Thomson M. Francis C. Moran H. Morgan L. Pope
Absent:	1 -	D. Taylor

STAFF:
Acting Supervisor of Enforcement Services, B. Keene
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Disability Management Specialist, C. Dillon
Manager of Roads, Stormwater and Rail Operations, C. Morton
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

EAST BAYFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ST. VINCENT PARK PLAYGROUND REVITILIZATION

Kevin Bradley, Manager of Parks and Forestry provided an update concerning the revitalization to the existing childcare space at the East Bayfield Community Centre Park. He described the location of the park, the plans to incorporate more accessible elements into the park including a wheelchair swing and the tentative timelines for construction. He explained the rationale to having the wheelchair swing installed at the East Bayfield Community Centre Park.

Mr. Bradley provided an update concerning the revitalization of St. Vincent Park and Playground He explained that St. Vincent Park is classified by the City of Barrie as a waterfront park. He described the age and location of the existing park including plans to design a fully accessible park.

Mr. Bradley advised that there will be a public process related to the revitalization of St. Vincent Park which includes an online survey and Public Information Centre scheduled for February 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Bradley related to East Bayfield Community Park and St. Vincent Park.

WHEELCHAIR SWING UPDATE

The Wheelchair Swing Update was discussed as part of the East Bayfield Community Park Revitalization Update.

DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL RELATED TO ACCESSIBILITY

Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Management Specialist advised that she has received accessibility concerns from residents related to snow removal in the downtown core including sidewalks.

Craig Morton, Manager of Roads, Stormwater and Rail Operations described the City's current process related to snow removal in the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the responsibilities for property and business owners for sidewalk snow clearing. He advised that City Council recently approved funding for a pilot project for the 2022/2023 winter season to begin sidewalk snow clearing in the downtown core. Mr. Morton explained that the objective of the pilot project is to assist the downtown merchants with removing the bulk of the snow from the sidewalks but that the property owners still need to comply with the City of Barrie's Snow Clearing By-law 2008-212 for maintenance of sidewalks in front of their businesses.

Bryan Keene, Acting Supervisor of Enforcement Services provided an overview of the City of Barrie's Snow Clearing By-law 2008-212. He described the geographic boundaries of the Downtown Business Improvement Association.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Morton, Mr. Keene and Ms. Dillon and received responses.

ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Management Specialist provided an update concerning accessibility awareness training. She explained that staff in the Infrastructure Department were interested in having the Committee provide accessibility awareness training and provide input to staff on barriers faced during construction zones.

2022 NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK

The Committee discussed the 2022 National Accessibility Week. Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Specialist advised that given the current state of the omicron virus that all public health and safety measure need to be followed which would impact any potential events. She suggested having a proclamation prepared for the 2022 National AccessAbility Week. The Committee will have a further discussion at their next meeting.

2021 ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA) COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Management Specialist provided an update concerning the 2021 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance Update. Ms. Dillon advised that a compliance report has been submitted to the Province of Ontario in relation to the AODA legislation requirements for the City of Barrie's website. C. Dillon advised that she will be preparing a memorandum to Council providing a recap on the Committee's 2021 activities and AODA legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

CHAIRMAN